

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~-- [TECHNICAL BACKGROUND]~~ 2. Description of the Prior Art --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~-- [OBJECT OF THE INVENTION]~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 37.

Please insert the following new paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 7:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please insert the following new paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 25:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --